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PCT/US2005/011346

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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1. claims: 1,2-4

Labyrinth seal path

2. claims: 5-11

coil assembly

3. claims: 12-15,16,41-48

rotor and/or slot design

4. claims: 17-19,20-22

sealing configuration

5. claims: 23-24

surface coating

6. claims: 25-28,29-33,34

bearing configuration

7. claims: 35-37

interior wall design

8. claims: 38-40

cooling

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